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**Money Received by Hamilton.**  
A statement of money received by Mr. Hamilton shows a total of \$720,550 for the years 1929 to 1935. He calls attention to an expense of \$83,100 for "retainers and newspaper articles" in 1934, and says a large portion of this expense was occasioned by an attempt to create public opinion throughout the United States in favor of national supervision of insurance. Under the same heading \$97,000 is charged for 1935 and the increase was due, he says, primarily to the activities in the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Concerning the \$235,000 charged against him by the New York Life, Mr. Hamilton says:  
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**What He Saved the New York Life.**  
Mr. Hamilton sets forth that the tax matters alone deflected by his work have saved the New York Life Insurance Company over \$2,500,000. In concluding his statement Mr. Hamilton says that "the instructions of the president of the New York Life to me were always unmistakably explicit that my expenditures and my work were to be strictly confined within the limitations of the law and that these instructions have been faithfully followed to the letter."

"There has never been a disbursement made by me of the company's funds which trespassed upon the instructions given me by the president of this company, and I want it thoroughly understood that no dollar of any money ever paid to me by the New York Life Insurance Company has been used improperly or for improper purposes, or for the statutory law or the moral law."

**Erroneous Statement Corrected.**  
NEW YORK, December 27.—During the testimony of Howard K. Stokes, third vice president of the Bankers' Life Insurance Company of the city of New York before the legislative investigating committee on Thursday last, Mr. Stokes was erroneously quoted as stating that the company's expenses exceeded its premium income. Mr. Stokes said today that the company during 1934 received \$785,000 from premiums. Of the balance there was \$233,000 paid to policy holders and \$240,000 was added to the company's assets.

**COMMERCIAL EDUCATORS.**  
National Convention at Chicago—Various Policies Discussed.  
CHICAGO, December 27.—The National Commercial Teachers' Federation opened its tenth annual convention here last night. Nearly 150 delegates have arrived and as many more are expected today.

Managers of private commercial schools discussed informally the policy of guaranteeing positions which is followed by some of the schools.

"Those present were unanimous in condemning this policy," said Secretary T. W. Bookmyer of Sandusky, Ohio, in a preliminary meeting. "No manager of a commercial school, when he writes to a boy whom he has never seen, has a right to promise him a position upon graduation, or of this course. He does not know that the position will be there."

**EGGS LAID TO ORDER.**  
Ingenious Plans of California Professor to Work Hens.  
CHICAGO, December 27.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Berkeley, Cal., says: Within a short time hens will be eggs according to program, whether they want to or not, instead of refusing to work for so long a season every year that the price of eggs mounts up to famine rates, the plans of Professor Jaffa, nutrition expert at the state university do not go astray. Professor Jaffa is conducting some experiments which he expects will be concluded by January 1.

He announced yesterday that his researches have justified his belief that he would be able to control the laying period of hens, which normally begins in the middle of the summer and continues into September, October or November.

**FOUR HOUSES BURNED.**  
Destructive Fire at Ridgeley, Opposite Cumberland, Md.  
Special Dispatch to The Star.  
CUMBERLAND, Md., December 27.—Four houses, two double and two single, were destroyed by fire at Ridgeley, opposite this city, early this morning. The double houses were owned by Mrs. Laura B. Bussard, this city. The single houses belonged to Addison Martin, father of the boy who was after Mr. Martin was saved. The fire originated in a single house at the edge of the street and nearest the West Virginia Central round house. It was occupied by H. M. Tabler, but no one was home. The single house, which was next to the one occupied by C. E. Allen, Tabler's brother, was occupied by the family of Peter Schrader, W. H. Seymour, Mrs. Lulu Bolyard and George Dorsey. For a time hundreds of loaded cars in the West Virginia Central yards were in danger.

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## FAILURE AT MEMPHIS

### TRUST COMPANY AND TWO ALLIED BANKS CLOSED DOORS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., December 27.—Three financial institutions failed to open their doors for business today. The Merchants' Trust Company, with a capital stock of \$200,000; the American Savings Bank and Trust Company and the Mechanics' Savings Bank, smaller institutions and allied with the first named concern, have gone into liquidation.

The following notice was posted on the doors of the Merchants' Trust Company: "This bank is closed by order of the board of directors and will go into liquidation. (Signed) 'FELIX T. POPE, President.'"

Another notice reads as follows: "This bank has gone into liquidation. John P. Edmondson has been appointed receiver."

The cause of the suspensions of the Merchants' Trust Company is said to have been the loss of a deposit. One of the directors said to a representative of the Associated Press that the three institutions had ample assets and would pay dollar for dollar.

When the officers of the Merchants' Trust Company decided to suspend business Chancellor Heikel took steps to appoint a receiver for the institution, and named John P. Edmondson, a Memphis lawyer.

The Merchants' Trust Company recently absorbed the Memphis National Bank, and it is stated owned the controlling stock of the American Savings Bank and Trust Company.

The latter institution absorbed the Mechanics' Savings Bank several days ago. The suspension of the three institutions caused little excitement in the city circles.

**Suspension Temporary.**  
It is stated that the suspension of the American is only temporary and that its affairs are in good shape. Officers say that the suspension was decided upon because they feared a run when the doors were opened this morning, the public generally being aware of the bank's relation to the Merchants' Trust Company.

At the latter institution was announced that a thorough reorganization would be made, and hope was expressed that the business would again open its doors for business in a short time.

A condensed statement of the condition of the Merchants' Trust Company at the close of business December 23 was given out, as follows:

**The Last Statement.**  
Total assets, \$3,065,053; indebtedness of every character to depositors, \$2,132,319; all other obligations exclusive of capital stock, \$888,036; cash actually on hand, \$30,000.

The American Savings Bank and Trust Company gave out the following statement of its condition, which includes the business of the American Savings Bank:

Assets: Loans, \$385,000; cash, \$23,000; furniture and fixtures, \$4,345; cash on hand and due from other banks, \$196,066; total, \$508,411.

Liabilities: Capital stock, \$50,000; due Merchants' Trust Company for capital stock of Mechanics' Savings Bank, \$50,000; surplus, \$2,616; due to depositors, \$2,132,319; interest account (profit), \$13,986; dividend account, \$2,616; certified checks, \$2,616; cashiers' checks, \$1,100; total, \$2,818,000.

**Clearing House Statement.**  
C. W. Schulte, president of the Memphis Clearing House Association, made the following statement in behalf of the association:

"Fifteen days ago the Merchants' Trust Company applied to the Memphis Clearing House Association for help."

The Clearing House Association appointed a committee to investigate the matter. The committee went over the assets of the Merchants' Trust Company as carefully as the limit of time allowed, and the association advanced through the Merchants' Trust Company the sum of \$100,000.

"Subsequent investigation revealed the fact that while it was the opinion of the members of the Clearing House Association that the depositors of the Merchants' Trust Company are safe, yet it would take an extraordinary large sum to pay all immediate demands."

"In the interests of the city and the depositors, and of the various institutions in the city, which for the last month had anticipated some form of liquidation, it was deemed wisest to allow the concern to close its doors."

Representatives of the large banks of New York, Chicago and St. Louis are in the city with great quantities of money for the purpose of the legitimate business interests of the city.

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**Statement From New York.**  
NEW YORK, December 27.—According to a recent statement the Merchants' Trust Company of Memphis, Tenn., owed depositors \$305,000.

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**RIVAL FISHERMEN FIGHT.**  
Six Americans Shot by Italians at a Merymacking.  
EUREKA, Kan., December 27.—Six men received general shot wounds in a fight between rival American and Italian fishermen on Eel river Christmas day. There had been hostilities between the races since the season opened. Late Monday night a party of Italians descended on a river party in which the Americans were celebrating Christmas. A charge of buckshot was fired into the merrymakers and several were wounded. The lights in the saloon were put out and the Americans launched their boat and pulled for the shore.

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**Bridge Company President Dead.**  
CANTON, Ohio, December 27.—David Hammond, for many years at the head of the Canton Bridge Company, died today, aged seventy-five years. He was known throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania.

**Secretary Shaw Going to Chicago.**  
Secretary Shaw has gone to Chicago on private business and is not expected to return until Sunday. He went by way of New York, accompanying two of his nephews that far on their way home to Vermont.

**Not a Son of Senator Scott.**  
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WHEELING, W. Va., December 27.—The young man beaten up in a row following a senate at Bethany last night was not a son of Senator Scott, it was stated today by Senator C. B. Scott of Bethany. The young man's condition is not grave and he will recover.

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### Belief That Moscow Revolt is Collapsing Reflected on Bourse.

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A high-placed official of the government said today that the government was perfectly confident that it will be able to crush the organization of the revolutionists in Russia proper, as they represent only a fraction of the population.

**Armed With Bayonet Rifles.**  
Following the example of the authorities at Moscow, about half the police of St. Petersburg are now armed with rifles, and the unwonted spectacle of policemen with bayonets on their rifles adds to the public alarm.

**A Guerrilla Warfare.**  
A brief message from Moscow of today's date says that troops with artillery are pouring into the city, but that the situation has not greatly changed. The revolutionists hold sections of the Moscow-Kazan road. Desultory firing is taking place. The military patrols are on the ground in guerrilla warfare with the revolutionists in the narrow thoroughfares.

**Cannoonading Continued.**  
MOSCOW, December 27, 3 p.m.—The cannonading continues and the list of casualties is swelling. The revolutionists are operating in three sections. There are about 1,000 of them in each section. They are all armed with revolvers and rifles. The women who are participating in the fighting are guilty of the worst cruelties.

**Warsaw Jewish Shops Closed.**  
WARSAW, Russian Poland, December 27.—The shops in the Jewish district are closed, and this afternoon bands of revolutionists ordered the banks to be closed. A number of Jews are being persecuted. The union of physicians has requested its members to refuse to treat the sick and to refuse to attend to the wounded.

**Strike Declared at Lodz.**  
LODZ, Russian Poland, December 27.—A general strike has been declared here. The shops and factories are closed. No street cars or cabs are running. The inhabitants are panic-stricken and are leaving the town.

**Reception to Bryan.**  
Enthusiastic Welcome to Nebraska in the Philippines.  
Special Telegram to The Star.  
MANILA, December 27.—The provinces of Bulacan, Nueva Ecija and Rizal received William J. Bryan enthusiastically today with triumphal arches, music and parades during a ten-hour excursion by railroad.

At noon Mr. Bryan was entertained at a banquet at Malolos. The mayor-elect delivered a harangue, with independence for his text, but Mr. Bryan conservatively, though magnificently, handled the delicate situation, emphasizing the need for the union of the democratic and republican parties. He was applauded despite the fact that there was some disappointment in the audience that he had not attacked the administration.

Later Mr. Bryan expressed surprise at the masterly manner in which the argument of the opposition department and the secretary of state's office addressed to Senator Blackburn. A post office inspector came to my office about ten days ago and explained that Senator Blackburn had made complaint that his mail had been opened by the post office clerks to drop the senator's mail in his box.

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Board 2—P. V. Van Arsde, Brown, vs. Hughes, Pennsylvania; Evans gambit, declined.

Board 3—H. N. Sweet, Brown, vs. J. F. Darling, Cornell; Sicilian defense.

The contest on board 1 was finished in ten moves. King's knight was sacrificed by Mitchell.

**Panic in Chicago Clothing Store.**  
CHICAGO, December 27.—The accidental release of an automatic sprinkler system in the large clothing establishment of Hart, Schaffner & Marx today caused a panic among the 2,000 employees and customers. Men, women and children fled in confusion to escape from the fire they supposed had started. A closer investigation revealed the fact that there was no fire in any part of the building.

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LONDON, December 27.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company states that an American named A. U. Johnson is negotiating with the Russian government for a concession to build a railway of railway in Siberia at a cost of \$242,000,000. The minister of communications has appointed a special commission to examine into the scheme.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 27.—Senator Dick, who is here conferring with Representative Benton, says he has seen no evidence that President Roosevelt is trying to get control of the party management in Ohio. He says that he could understand only Assemblyman Merritt of New York should make such a statement, but that he expected to see an attempt by the President to control republican politics in the different states. Senator Dick intimates that the Merritt statement is not to be taken seriously. Representative Theodore E. Burton added: "Possibly it would be good for the state if the President should control the party organization, but I do not believe the President should attempt to do so."

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Commander C. Cook, retired, from the Supply to his home.  
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Special Correspondence of The Star.  
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Special Telegram to The Star.  
LONDON, December 27.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company states that an American named A. U. Johnson is negotiating with the Russian government for a concession to build a railway of railway in Siberia at a cost of \$242,000,000. The minister of communications has appointed a special commission to examine into the scheme.

**Save From Bullet by Ping Tobacco.**  
Special Dispatch to The Star.  
LOGANSPORT, Ind., December 27.—When Albert S. Thomas sank to the floor, struck by a bullet from a revolver which was accidentally discharged while John Simmons was displaying the weapon, it was thought that he had been mortally wounded. A closer investigation revealed the fact that a pug of tobacco which Thomas carried in his hip pocket contained the bullet and that Thomas was uninjured.